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Governor Baker Nominates Adam J. Baler of Plymouth as Clerk Magistrate of the Plymouth District Court

BOSTON – Today, Governor Charlie Baker nominated Attorney Adam J. Baler to the position of Clerk Magistrate of the Plymouth District Court. Attorney Baler has 20 years of experience as Assistant Clerk Magistrate in the Plymouth Superior Court.

“Adam’s depth of experience in the Plymouth Superior Court Clerk’s Office will allow him to successfully lead the Plymouth District Court,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “I am pleased to submit this nomination to the Governor’s Council for their advice and consent.”

“Attorney Baler has made significant contributions to both the court and Plymouth community and will bring his knowledge of available local resources to those who appear before him,” **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito**. “I am confident that, if confirmed, he will serve all parties before the Court extremely well.”

The District Court hears a wide range of criminal, civil, housing, juvenile, mental health, and other types of cases. District Court criminal jurisdiction extends to all felonies punishable by a sentence up to five years, and many other specific felonies with greater potential penalties; all misdemeanors; and all violations of city and town ordinances and by-laws. The District Court is located in 62 courts across the Commonwealth.

For more information about the District Court, visit their [homepage](#).

Judicial nominations are subject to the advice and consent of the Governor’s Council. Applicants for judicial openings are reviewed by the Judicial Nominating Commission (JNC) and recommended to the governor. Governor Baker established the JNC in February 2015 pursuant to Executive Order 558, a non-partisan, non-political Commission composed of volunteers from a cross-section of the

Commonwealth's diverse population to screen judicial applications. Twenty-one members were later appointed to the JNC in April 2015.

About Adam J. Baler:

Attorney Adam Baler began his career in March 2000 as Assistant Clerk Magistrate in the Plymouth Superior Court where he oversaw the daily administration of the docket and managed all personnel and fiscal oversight. In that role, Baler developed a strategic plan to improve case flow management in Plymouth County and was a Superior Court Ad Hoc Civil Clerk's Committee member in 2006. Since 2006, Baler has served as a Bail Magistrate. In 2017, Baler became First Assistant Clerk Magistrate in the Plymouth Superior Court continuing general oversight of the court in addition to the Brockton docket. Attorney Baler earned his Bachelor of Arts in History from Bridgewater State College in 1995 and his Juris Doctor from Southern New England School of Law in 2002.

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